

Hello to our new volunteers



STAND trustees Dot Russell and Mel Smart greet another new Stannington Library volunteer Linda Coath (right)

STAND trustees were well pleased with the response to the two volunteer recruitment events held in January and February. Key roles, whether working directly with library users or fulfilling any of the equally important back office functions, now have greater cover, and it has been possible

to increase the strength of the

whole team.

"Of course it doesn't end there," says volunteer coordinator Mel Smart. "Volunteer recruitment will remain a permanent feature of our work as we adapt to the changing needs and circumstances of our volunteers. Without their generosity and hard work, Stannington Library would cease to function, so we really must take good care of them."

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BIG thanks to Bradfield Parish Council

The library has started 2016 with a big increase in the number of new books for young adult readers. Many have been bought with a Bradfield Parish Council grant, and have been added to those already donated by the people of Stannington. To all, we say a big **THANK YOU**.

What are libraries for?

It's a big question, and one that anyone who runs a library should be asking constantly.

The Friendship Club is Stannington Library's latest initiative to make itself more useful to more people.



It aims to provide a calm, friendly and stress-free way to get out of your home for a while and meet people. Our first meeting runs from 2.00 till 4.00 pm on Tuesday 5th April. Just come along and see what's on offer



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still needed

STAND still needs to expand its fund-raising team to ensure all the official, charitable and other sources of funding are identified, assessed and approached in the right way at the right time.

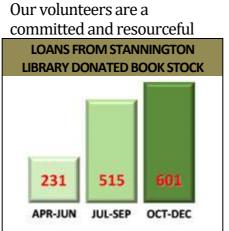
If you feel you can help, apply in the library or e.mail stand.volunteers@gmail.com



With book stacks rolled back and all floor space maximised, Stannington Library showed again in February that it is the ideal venue for demonstrating and practising some energetic and gravitydefying dance moves.

WHAT THE PAPERS DIDN'T SAY

Recent local press reports have shown a fall in numbers of books issued by volunteer libraries, and the figures published are true – but key facts are omitted. The decline began long before volunteers became involved, and while STAND regrets the jobs lost from libraries, we know that if volunteers had not stepped in, book lending figures would now be zero.



bunch of people. Through their efforts, and through the generosity of the people of Stannington, the library now has a far larger range of books than it has had in recent years and library users are responding by borrowing our new titles.

And as our chart of book issues from our own stock *(left)* reveals, we achieved much in the first nine months on limited resources.

For just £10 a year *(£15 for families, £5 concessions)* you can become a FRIEND of Stannington Library and play a personal part in keeping your library open. Pick up a leaflet in the library next time you visit or email friends.stanningtonlibrary@gmail.com

To talk to someone about Stannington Library: *Telephone* 0114 234 8732 *Write to us* Leave a letter in the library or post it to us at *Uppergate Road, Stannington, Sheffield S6 6BX Email* stanningtonadlgroup@gmail.com *Kebsite* www.stanningtonlibrary.com *Facebook* Stannington & District Library Group *Twitter*

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